

## **DAI Industry Day Questions and Answers November 14, 2006**

### **Q1. What is the scope of the DISA Enterprise Business Modernization (EBM) initiative?**

**A1.** DISA's EBM is primarily used to write contracts. The intent is to also interface data elements and triggers to the DAI solution in order to record financial transactions resulting from the contracting activity.

#### **Q1a. How many of the 8 functions included in DAI are also included in the DISA EBM?**

**A1a.** The intent of the EBM/DAI implementation is to duplicate no functionality, from a process perspective, between the two systems, but rather to interface data elements between the two systems in order to 1) facilitate a seamless end-to-end procurement process; 2) enable a clean audit opinion; and 3) produce accurate, timely, and clear financial reports.

#### **Q1b. What software is DISA EBM using?**

**A1b.** EBM uses Appian's "Appian Enterprise" and BEA's "WebLogic."

#### **Q1c. Who is the SI for the EBM?**

**A1c.** The contract was awarded to Pearson Analytic Solutions. They are the prime integrator.

#### **Q1d. Are there functions in the EBM that are not included in DAI?**

**A1d.** Yes. EBM is a contract writing system; DAI is a financial management system.

#### **Q1e. How far along is the EBM, i.e. requirements determinations, pilot completion, IOC, deployment?**

**A1e.** EBM is a COTS solution and is in configuration and vendor solution testing. Government acceptance testing begins in June 2007 and FOC in May 2008.

### **Q2. Will the government allow prime contractors to submit multiple bids, proposing different products in separate bids in response to a DAI RFP?**

**A2.** No. The Government does not intend to allow prime contractors to submit multiple bids.

### **Q3. Will the government allow subcontractors to be on more than one bidding team for DAI?**

**A3.** Yes. The Government will allow subcontractors to be on more than one bidding team.

**Q4. Does the government have any small business contract requirements associated with the DAI procurement? If so, will you provide those requirements at this time?**

**A4.** If the use of the ESI BPAs is the Government's final acquisition strategy, the contract is the GSA Schedule and all small business requirements were satisfied at the contract level. The DAI requirement will be a task order against the ESI BPAs, where the GSA Schedule is the underlying contract. However, the Government intends to include small business participation as part of its evaluation criteria. If a different acquisition strategy is the Government's ultimate decision, small business requirements and/or evaluation criteria for small business requirements will be determined at that time.

**Q5. Can the RTM be provided in Excel Format (rather than Acrobat)? We need to gather information against each requirement and a working spreadsheet format would be much easier to use. Thank you.**

**A5.** The DAI Program Office will provide an Excel version of the Requirements Traceability Matrix (RTM) for Industry use and it is posted to the BTA website at [www.dod.mil/bta](http://www.dod.mil/bta). However, the DAI Program Office is not responsible for any changes that may occur on the RTM spreadsheet as a result of your use. Any changes, additions, deletions, modifications or manipulation of the data is the responsibility of the entity making those changes. The PDF format on the BTA web pages is the official release of the RTM and is under formal configuration control of the DAI Program Office.

Warning: Any RTM comparison reports that you may receive in the future may not be visible because of changes that you made in the Excel format.

**Q6. The government outlined a goal to implement the DAI solution for all "in scope" agencies within a four year timeframe. Depending upon the actual contract award date this could place the end of the period of performance in 2011 or 2012. The government also stated that it intends to use the Enterprise Software Initiative (ESI) Systems Integration Services BPA as the contract vehicle for awarding the procurement. Given that ESI Systems Integration Services BPA expires in May 2009, will the government be obligating funds in 2009 for all work in 2010-2012?**

**A6.** The Government is aware that the ESI BPAs may expire prior to completion of this task order. However, a BPA is not legally considered a contract, and expiration of a BPA does not preclude continued performance under existing task orders. The Government has no plans to obligate funds in 2009 for all work in 2010-2012.

**Q7. The current description of offerings for the ESI Systems Integration Services BPA holders includes implementation of any COTS software; however, at the time these vendors were selected (April 2004), the statement of work, evaluation criteria, past performance and pricing for the BPAs was limited specifically to implementation of the Oracle, SAP, and People soft ERP solutions. In fact, the name of the original solicitation was "ERP Integration Services" and when asked a direct question about expanding the scope to include other JFMIP-certified products, the ESI Working Group declined on the basis that this set of BPAs was specifically for ERP integrators. Given, the government's stated position that it is not looking for an ERP solution for DAI and that the current ESI BPA holders were not selected on**

**the basis of their ability to implement other OFFM-compliant COTS (namely Momentum, iCore, and Altimate), will the government accept proposals from systems integrators that do not currently hold an ESI BPA but have expertise in implementing these solutions?**

**A7.** The ESI BPAs are the Government's notional strategy, but the final strategy will be determined once the white papers are submitted. If the competition is conducted under the ESI BPAs, proposals would be accepted only from companies that hold an ESI BPA. However, there may be opportunities for other companies to subcontract or partner with an ESI BPA holder.

**Q8. Was the DAI Industry an invitation event and was Northrop Grumman Corp. invited?**

**A8.** The DAI Industry Day event was not by invitation. The event was synopsised in the Federal Business Opportunities on October 12, 2006. All interested vendors had the opportunity to register.